

Throughout the year the Conservator has been efficiently assisted by Mr. E. G. Vanatta.

The accessions of the year are enumerated in the list of additions to the Museum.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting in December :—

<i>Director</i> ,	Benjamin Sharp, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director</i> ,	John Ford.
<i>Recorder and Librarian</i> ,	Edw. J. Nolan, M. D.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> ,	Chas. W. Johnson.
<i>Treasurer</i> ,	S. Raymond Roberts.
	HENRY A. PILSBY, <i>Conservator.</i>

REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

This has been a very busy year in the history of the Entomological Section. The collections have been well cared for with the assistance of Mr. W. J. Gerhard and Mr. Alfred Satterthwaite, and by individual members interested in special branches of entomology. The rearrangement of the American Coleoptera is nearly completed and valuable work has been done on the exotic species by Dr. H. G. Griffith. The unarranged material in the Horn Collection has been placed in safe receptacles preparatory to proper incorporation in the main collection. Special groups in this collection have been loaned to specialists for study and revision. Many families in the Diptera have been rearranged by Mr. C. W. Johnson, in new book boxes purchased for the purpose. Two large boxes of Hemiptera have been purchased, representing a large number of specimens, quite a number of them being new to the collection. The Membracidae have been arranged by Mr. Gerhard with the aid of Dr. F. W. Goding, an authority on this subject. The Neuroptera, other than the Odonata, and the Orthoptera have been properly placed in new receptacles by the Conservator.

Prof. James S. Hine has studied and properly identified our material in the genus *Bittacus*, of which we now have a representative collection. Dr. Calvert has had the care of the Odonata; our collection in this branch is among the very finest in the world. In the Lepidoptera we are indebted to Prof. C. H. Fernald, of Amherst, Mass. who has studied and revised the Pterophoridae, a very

difficult group. The material has been returned in good condition. Mr. Gerhard, with the aid of the Conservator, has put in fine order the Hesperidæ of the world. This is a part of the Martindale collection. Much work has also been done on the other families in this fine collection. Mr. Satterthwaite is engaged in rearranging the exotic moths in this collection and has thus far finished the Sphingidæ. Fifty new boxes and a fine cabinet have been purchased to contain the Hymenoptera and Mr. E. T. Cresson is now engaged in their rearrangement. Mr. Fox has made some valuable contributions to science by his studies in this Order.

Numerous specimens have been added to the cabinet, the more important donations being a collection of American Coleoptera from Dr. Eckfeldt; 61 specimens of Honduras Lepidoptera by Dr. H. G. Griffith; 68 Hesperidæ from Colima, Mexico, from Henry Skinner; 124 Beetles, 10 Hemiptera, 3 Orthoptera, 1 Hymenoptera from Dr. A. D. Smith and the Farnum brothers, all from Manchuria; 9 Coleoptera by W. F. Bednall, from Australia.

Many valuable works have been added to the library; nine hundred and thirty-three have been the gift of the late Dr. Geo. H. Horn. One hundred and seventy works have been bound. Valuable books have been purchased, some of them not being represented in other libraries in this country, the amount expended being \$529.93. The *Entomological News* has been continued and the ninth volume completed with 264 pages and 12 plates. The present space devoted to the Entomological Section is inadequate, owing to its rapid growth in all departments.

At the annual election held Dec. 22nd. the following persons were elected officers for the year 1899:—

<i>Director,</i>	. . . . .	Philip Laurent.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	. . . . .	H. W. Wenzel.
<i>Recorder,</i>	. . . . .	Henry Skinner.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	. . . . .	Ezra T. Cresson.
<i>Secretary,</i>	. . . . .	Wm. J. Fox.
<i>Conservator,</i>	. . . . .	Henry Skinner.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SKINNER.

Recorder.

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Botanical Section of the Academy reports a fair amount of progress as detailed in the Conservator's report, attached as part of this document.